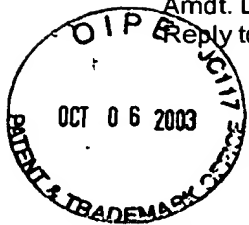


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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

The three month period for responding to the Office Action expires on October 9, 2003. By this amendment, a total of 25 claims are pending including 6 independent claims. A check in the amount of \$348.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee. In response to the Office action of July 9, 2003, paper no. 3, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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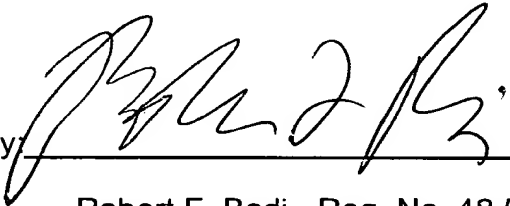
discussed for claim 6; and new claim 20 recites the "tone resolution reducing processing means" of claim 7, and thus is patentable for some of the same reasons as claim 7.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

A check in the amount of \$348.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for additional claims. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33869.

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